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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 19 April 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory,
Houston, Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Sheldon
and [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

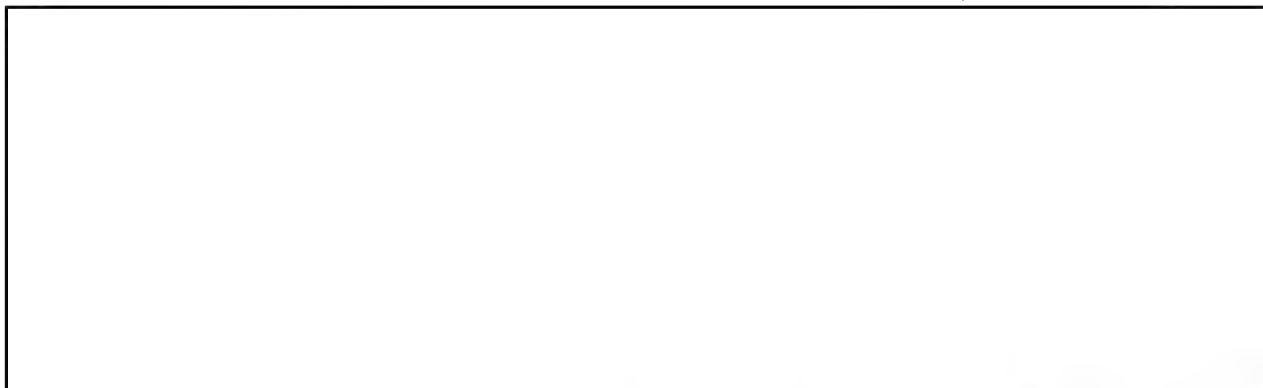
b. Noted that General Donovan was coming in to see him at 2:30 p.m., on the 20th, at which time he intended to show him the exchange of correspondence between CIA and the Air Force respecting General Chennault's proposal to organize an International Volunteer Group. In this connection, Mr. [redacted] said that he believed General Chennault was meeting with representatives of the Air Force today and [redacted] would be present. The Director said he wished to ensure that our representative at this conference had full background information on this matter. It was then suggested that [redacted] accompany [redacted] The Director approved.

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Mr. Dulles (Continued):

The Director asked Mr. Wisner to look into this matter and furnish him a brief report.



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f. Asked Mr. Sheldon to form a task force for the purpose of screening out items on intelligence that might be contained in testimony of Government officials in their appearances before the several Congressional Committees. The Director said there was no urgency on this matter and the completion of this survey by the end of the summer would meet his requirements. The Director noted he was constantly asked for his opinions by Congressional Committees of the need for State and Defense to conduct large research activities and, therefore, it was becoming increasingly necessary for him to be knowledgeable of these activities. Mr. Sheldon noted a good deal of the testimony in question was probably given in Executive Sessions and asked whether we should attempt to obtain this testimony too. The Director said he thought not, but should limit our survey to the open public record and quotations contained in the press. Mr. Amory remarked that a similar study was made last year. The Director indicated that he would like to see this at the time he reviews the current one.

Mr. Wisner:

Asked the Director if he had an opportunity to read the revised letter to Cabot Lodge respecting his complaint of receiving misinformation from CIA. The Director said he had and in view of the mention in Lodge's letter of two State Department cables, he had again asked [redacted] to revise this letter. The Director noted that he wanted to be certain of the facts contained in our reply and, therefore, had no objection to taking more time on the redraft.

Mr. Amory:

a. Reported we had received information on Russian TU-75's and a Type-16 aircraft which might tie in with the pictures published in a recent issue of AVIATION WEEK. Mr. Amory said Mr. Sheldon was working on this and would have a report for the Director by 21 May.

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Mr. Amory (Continued):

b. Noted he had prepared a proposed NSCID on the responsibility for production of economic intelligence and stated that it could be either submitted to the EIC or the IAC for consideration and further processing. On General Cabell's suggestion, the Director approved the submission of this paper to the IAC.

c. Recommended that an Air Force officer be designated to debrief the CAT pilots on the result of their supply flights in IndoChina. The Director approved and asked DD/P to follow through on this, noting, however, we should not request this officer to actually participate in these flights without clearance from Air Force Headquarters in Washington.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Reported that Colonel Edwards had revised the Security Agreement to be signed by those employees who terminate their activities with the Agency and remarked it was a great improvement over the old one.



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